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## SENATE BILL No. 368

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-22.5-12.

**Synopsis:** Medical licensing board pilot program. Requires the medical licensing board to establish a six year pilot program for training qualified international medical graduates who are attending medical schools that have not been approved by the board.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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January 11, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2006]:
- 4 **Chapter 12. Residency Pilot Program for Qualified**
- 5 **International Medical School Graduates**
- 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "graduate" means a qualified**
- 7 **international medical school graduate.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "resident" means a graduate who**
- 9 **has been accepted in the residency pilot program under this**
- 10 **chapter.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. The board shall work with primary care residency**
- 12 **programs, limited to family practice medicine, pediatrics, and**
- 13 **internal medicine residency programs, to develop a pilot program**
- 14 **for a period of six (6) academic years to better identify, evaluate,**
- 15 **and prepare qualified graduates for future practice in Indiana.**
- 16 **Sec. 4. The board shall allow family medicine, pediatrics, and**
- 17 **internal residency programs in Indiana that elect to participate in**



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the residency pilot program to accept graduates from medical schools that are not on the board's list of approved medical schools and are not on the list of schools disapproved for postgraduate medical education training.

Sec. 5. The board shall develop an application process for each approved residency program's participation in the residency pilot.

Sec. 6. The list of disapproved medical schools must be updated by August 1 of each year to the best ability of the board to exclude any medical schools that are not known to be legitimate educational institutions.

Sec. 7. The program director of a residency program that wants to participate in the residency program shall submit a letter to the board requesting that the accepted residency candidate receive a temporary permit for residency training. A representative of the residency pilot program must appear with the candidate for a hearing of the board.

Sec. 8. A temporary permit to participate in residency training may be issued to a graduate for one (1) year.

Sec. 9. A candidate for the residency program must be certified by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to participate in the residency pilot program.

Sec. 10. The director of a participating residency pilot program must submit a written progress report to the board within three (3) months of the beginning of training of a resident to verify that the resident is providing the quality of medical care to patients expected at the level of medical experience and training of the resident.

Sec. 11. The residency program director shall promptly inform the board in writing if a pilot program resident is:

- (1) dismissed for failure to meet the professional expectations of the residency program; or
- (2) incapable of competent medical practice.

Sec. 12. The residency program director shall submit a report concerning the progress of each resident to the board at the completion of the first and third years of the resident's training recommending renewal of the temporary medical permit for one (1) additional year if the resident's performance is satisfactory.

Sec. 13. Upon the resident's completion of the three (3) year training program, the residency program director may:

- (1) certify the competency of the resident; and
- (2) recommend the candidate for a permanent license.

Because the resident was granted a temporary permit under the

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1 residency pilot program, a graduate participating in the program  
 2 may not be issued a permanent license until the graduate completes  
 3 the three (3) years of residency training under the pilot program.  
 4 The graduate must also complete two (2) years of practice in  
 5 Indiana to complete the pilot program. The residency program  
 6 director and the candidate must appear before the board for  
 7 permanent license approval. Failure to complete the residency pilot  
 8 program is an adverse event reportable to medical licensing boards  
 9 in other states.

10 Sec. 14. International medical school graduates who have  
 11 successfully completed the residency pilot program and have met  
 12 all requirements of this chapter shall be given equal standing for  
 13 licensure with other international medical school graduates who  
 14 have graduated from approved medical schools.

15 Sec. 15. The board shall collect information and data during the  
 16 residency pilot program concerning the:

- 17 (1) successes;
- 18 (2) failures;
- 19 (3) difficulties encountered; and
- 20 (4) number of residents involved, entering, and graduating  
 21 from the program.

22 The information must include data based on the six (6) required  
 23 American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)  
 24 competencies used to evaluate all residents.

25 Sec. 16. This chapter expires December 31, 2013.

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